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Thousands to march on the Hill for Post protest

Canadian Union of Postal Workers. Plans to save service will likely 'kill it,' CUPW rep says

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Canada Post employees are gearing up for a mass march Sunday to protest the end of door-to-door mail services.

About two thousand people are expected to flock to Parliament Hill for the demonstration, with many coming by bus from Toronto and Montreal, according to a national union representative with the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW).

"It doesn't seem like a plan to save Canada Post — it seems like a plan to kill it," said Mike Palecek.

The Crown corporation is planning to replace foot delivery with community boxes, increase postage prices and cut thousands of jobs over the next five years.

Authorities say Canada Post will save $900 million a year with these changes.

But Palecek said the corporation should follow other mail carriers worldwide and offer bank services or insurance as a means of generating more revenue.

He said an increase in postage stamps — to 85 cents per stamp — will drive people away from the service. Canada Post has said that fewer people are buying stamps and using its services.

Bob Brown, a 59-year-old ByWard Market resident who uses an electric wheelchair, said it's tough for him to navigate snowy sidewalks. A trek to a community mailbox would be impossible some winter days.

"Not everyone is able to go out independently and get their mail," said the member of the Council of Canadians With Disabilities. "I need assistance in putting my coat on."

He said most people on disability or other fixed income can't afford a computer to do monthly banking online, so they rely on the mail to make payments.

Canada Post sent a written statement to Metro Tuesday to say it was aware of the demonstration planned for Sunday.

"Canada Post's 5-point Action Plan was built on consultations held across the country," read the statement. "Less mail means change is necessary to protect postal services in Canada. And we will further engage with communities as we move ahead."

Metro could not speak with Transport Minister Lisa Raitt by press time.

The demonstration will be Sunday, Jan. 26, at 1 p.m. It will start at Dundonald Park on Somerset and Lyon streets.

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A DECADE OF TEARS

Linda Beland is still searching for answers in the brutal killing of her son, 19-year-old Douglas Stewart, who was murdered almost 10 years ago. TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

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An early-morning fire razed a cabin at MacSkimming Outdoor Education Centre Tuesday. The fire broke out around 2:30 a.m., but by the time crews arrived at 3200 Wilhaven Dr., the entire building was engulfed in flames and the cabin burned to the ground.

TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

Gladstone pharmacy

Police seek robbery suspect

Police are asking for the public's help in nabbing a robbery suspect who walked into a pharmacy in the 700 block of Gladstone Avenue, demanded cash and then fled. According to police, the man entered the pharmacy on Jan. 10 at 4:55 p.m. and indicated he had a gun, though employees saw no weapon. He fled on foot northbound on Arthur Street. He is described as white, about five-foot-eight with a stocky build. He was wearing a blue coat with a black line down the shoulders and a black hooded sweatshirt. He has light brown hair and short facial hair. Anyone with info is urged to contact 613-236-1222 ext. 5116 or Crime Stoppers at 613-233-8477.

TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

Jan. 21 Correction

Incorrect information appeared in our Jan. 21 story, "Teen critical after being hit by car." Celine Bourbonnais is a spokeswoman with the Conseil des écoles catholiques du Centre-Est, not the Ottawa Catholic School Board.

Father Joe LeClair, centre, is accompanied by his legal counsel Matthew Webber and Kim Hyslop outside the Ottawa courthouse Monday, after the former Blessed Sacrament priest pleaded guilty to fraud and theft. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Priest should not go to jail: Lawyer

Convicted of fraud. Sentencing for Father LeClair continues today

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A disgraced priest who defrauded his Ottawa church of $130,000 over five years should serve a conditional sentence outside of jail, a defence lawyer argued Tuesday.

Father Joe LeClair, 56, pleaded guilty Monday to fraud and theft in the presence of several supportive parishioners.

LeClair's lawyer, Matthew Webber, argued the priest should serve a conditional sentence of 18 to 24 months for the crimes he committed between 2006 and 2011.

The Crown, however, is seeking a sentence in the range of 18 months behind bars.

The court heard Monday the priest wrote cheques to himself and misdirected some of the $100 fees collected from marriage-preparation courses during that time.

The priest also pocketed cash donations from the collection basket, according to an agreed statement of facts.

The document says he also misdirected funds to pay off gambling debts he incurred from visits to the Casino du Lac Leamy in Gatineau.

LeClair was diagnosed as a "pathological gambler" and has had problems with alcohol, anxiety, and depression, Webber said Tuesday, quoting a psychological assessment of the priest.

"The presence of an addiction cannot be minimized or ignored," said Webber, adding, "the offences were the product of a disordered mind."

Webber said LeClair is criminally responsible for his actions, but his psychological condition "does move him down that moral culpability spectrum to some extent."

Crown prosecutor Peter Napier disagreed with that suggestion and argued that LeClair's theft from parishioners and his $5,700 vacation in 2011 paid for by the church were not gambling-related.

Napier also questioned the admissibility of dozens of letters of support written by parishioners which Webber submitted to Ontario Court Justice Jack Nadelle during closing submissions.

One woman wrote, "I trust him with my life."

But the Criminal Code states that a fraudster's employment shall not be considered as a mitigating factor on sentencing.

"Letters are not to be considered as mitigating features because it was Father LeClair's employment that permitted him to commit these offences," said Napier. "Clearly his employment as a priest permitted him to access the funds of the church and the funds of his parishioners."

Mom of slain Ottawa teen still searching for answers

Decade of 'hell'.
Woman 'can't remember his smile, his laugh,' after 10 long years

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It's been almost 10 years since her son's brutal murder and Linda Beland is still searching for answers.

The Ottawa mom has endured a decade of "hell" as she tries to piece together who killed her 19-year-old son Douglas Stewart and why. Instead, she has been left wondering what could have been.

"Would he be married now? Would he have children? What would he be doing right now? What would he look like?" she wondered, breaking into tears.

"The worst part is that I start to forget about him. I can't remember his smile, his laugh, I can't remember his voice or what it sounds like and that's very scary," she added through sobs.

The 19-year-old was found in his Donald Street apartment Feb. 18, 2004. Police said his skull was crushed with a tire iron. There have been no arrests, no leads and no updates, says Beland, adding she has "been left in the dark."

Ottawa police posted a $50,000 reward for info leading to the arrest of the person responsible for Stewart's murder, but the cash only yielded a few tips. Police wouldn't comment on the specific case, but said that unsolved murders get re-examined only when new information comes to light.

Beland is hoping her annual vigil next month will give someone enough courage to come forward to find her son's killer. She won't give up.

Her apartment is littered with photos of the fallen teen and a decade worth of news articles are strewn about her small kitchen table with highlight markings all over them. She says she is "stuck in time."

"My soon needs justice so he can rest in peace," said Beland.

"He has been floating between worlds for a decade now. How can he rest if there is no closure and no justice?"

The Feb. 18 vigil will be held at 7 p.m. at the Grotte Notre Dame de Lourdes in Vanier.

Quoted

"The worst part is that I start to forget about him. I can't remember his smile, his laugh, I can't remember his voice or what it sounds like and that's very scary."
Linda Beland

Linda Beland wipes tears from her eyes while clutching a photo of her son, 19-year-old Douglas Stewart, who was murdered 10 years ago.
TREVOR GREENWAY/METRO

Pub comeback leaves patrons smiling

When a popular Carp pub was gutted in a fire last year, it was no question for Dustin and Crystal Therrien to rebuild the local watering hole.

The Cheshire Cat Pub at 2193 Richardson Side Rd. closed after an electrical blaze destroyed everything but the four stonewalls and kitchen frame early on Jan. 28, 2013. With $800,000 in insurance, the bar reopened last month.

"It's pretty much the same pub," said Dustin Therrien, who has co-owned the venue for nine years.

They wanted to recreate the "English-Canadian country-style pub" that was originally a schoolhouse in the 1880s.

The wood stove and rustic furniture have been replaced, as have two wing-back chairs, the most coveted seats in the venue.

"People asked me if they made it through the fire," he said, with a laugh.

Therrien said he's still rebuilding the "monster whiskey collection."

Quoted

"It's pretty much the same pub."
Dustin Therrien, who has co-owned the venue for nine years

Two hundred bottles were lost in the fire and the restaurant now has a mere 65.

Known for its fish and chips and nearly two-dozen draft beers, the taps are flowing under the flood of returning regulars. The duo can't take reservations yet. It's too busy.

"It's funny," said Therrien. "I think people missed it as much as we did."
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‘Alarming’ 42% dropout rate in Carlington

$375,000 grant. Local ‘first of its kind’ program in Ontario aims to keep at-risk kids in school

A new after school program aims to reduce the dropout rate for students in the Carlington area.

The Carlington Community Health Centre announced a $375,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation Tuesday to help keep kids in classrooms.

The Students Will All Graduate (SWAG) program is geared towards grade 8 at-risk students. It includes academic support from teachers, peer support and a recreational component.

“The upside of this program also, is that we don’t drop them after the program,” said Cameron MacLeod, executive director of the Carlington Community Health Centre. “We’re going to follow them right through grade 12, we’re going to hopefully stand with them at graduation and we’re going to support the families at the same time.”

Dropout rates average an “alarming” 42 per cent for students in Bellevue-Caldwell, Shillington, Debra Dynes and Parkwood Hills neighbourhoods, said MacLeod.

Those neighbourhoods have high rates of poverty and new immigrant families, he added.

“They’re in survival mode,” he said. “So, oftentimes, you see kids that are coming in with inadequate clothing, coming in with inadequate food ... Sometimes when families are struggling, the kids, as a result, struggle and school becomes a lower priority.”

If students can make it to grade 10, there’s a good chance they will stay until graduation, he said.

Ottawa West-Nepean MPP Bob Chiarelli said the graduation rate is about 82 per cent across the province. HE said SWAG is the “first of its kind” in Ontario. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

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Carleton University. Walking the walk for Alzheimer’s disease

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While Alzheimer’s disease affects thousands of Canadians directly, it also affects all of the many family members who have to support Alzheimer patients around the clock.

Now it’s the public’s turn to support Alzheimer’s patients and caregivers, joining the 19th annual Walk for Memories at the Carleton University Fieldhouse Jan. 26.

Walkers of all shapes, sizes and speeds will do as many indoor laps, alone or in teams, as they can between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. to raise money for the Alzheimer Society of Ottawa and Renfrew County. Keeping the mood as light as the steps, there will be live music and a kids’ play area.

Walkers who raise $100 will receive a free voucher for Tim Hortons and a T-shirt.

January is marked as Alzheimer’s Awareness month. Last year, the event drew more than 600 walkers , who raised an impressive $275,000.

All the money raised goes to the local Alzheimer Society which offers educational programs, one-on-one counselling and other kinds of support to those who need it.

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Walkers take part in the Walk for Memories last year. CONTRIBUTED

MonkeyJunk cleans up at Maple Blues Awards

Dig it. Ottawa blues group hopes to make way for new musicians after 20th win in 6 years

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MonkeyJunk has done it again.

The hard-rocking blues trio of Steve Warriner, Matt Sobb and guitarist Tony Diteodoro took five of the six awards they were nominated including Entertainer of the Year, Electric Act of the Year, Recording of the Year and Songwriter of the Year for their third album, 2013's All Frequencies.

The boys have won 20 Maple Blues statues in the six years they've been playing together, and as much as they dig the love, they're beginning to wonder if winning so many awards is too much of a good thing.

"Holy cow, I'm feeling overwhelmed," said drummer Sobb, 41, from his Toronto hotel the morning after the trio won big.

"I'm beginning to think maybe we've won too many. Doing well at the Maple Blues is great going into the Juno nominations next week, and a great honour, but we're a little concerned that it will start turning fans off. Maybe we should make some room for someone else?"

By his own admission, winning so many awards tends to lose its lustre.

"Last year, we won three awards at the Maple Blues, but we were playing a cruise ship and unable to be there, so our label manager accepted the awards for us, gave the awards to our manager, who left them at Toronto's Hugh's Room, but we forgot to pick them up after we played there. We sold lots of CDs at the Maple Blues Awards last night so we have room in the trunk for them this time."

In the relatively short time they've been together, the band's shown a knack for evolving their sound while keeping listeners' ears happy, beginning with their first album, the traditional blues compilation Tiger In Your Tank, to the full-bore rock assault of All Frequencies that has at least one critic comparing MonkeyJunk to Cream.

Ottawa blues rockers MonkeyJunk pose with their Maple Blues Awards they won in Toronto on Monday night. TWITTER

"It's what we like to listen to. The Black Keys, Vintage Trouble and the White Stripes, bands that are turning traditional blues on its head. We want to see how far it can go. That's when music is most exciting."

MonkeyJunk plays the Black Sheep Inn in Wakefield on January 25. Tickets are $20.

Inspiration

"The Black Keys, Vintage Trouble and the White Stripes, bands that are turning traditional blues on its head. We want to see how far it can go."
MonkeyJunk drummer Matt Sobb

Paramedicine program

Province expands home health care

Minister of Health Deb Matthews and Long Term Care today announced a $6-million expansion of the Community Paramedicine program. Paramedics are now allowed to provide home care for seniors and those requiring frequent care. DENIS ARMSTRONG/METRO

Rideau Hall

G.G. hosting pre-Winterfest party

Gov. Gen. David Johnston is hosting a Winter Celebration warm-up to Winterfest this Saturday, Jan. 25, at Rideau Hall. A complete list of activities is available at www.gg.ca.
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Feb. festival nothing but cold, hard jazz

Ottawa Jazz Festival artistic director Petr Cancura says the main difference between the winter and the summer festivals is the size of the music.

In the summer, he likes to go big and in your face with party music that won't get diluted in the great outdoors.

Winter, that's a very different matter.

So when the third annual Ottawa Winter Jazz Festival returns Feb. 14-16, Cancura shifts musical gears, with more intimate gigs that showcase some of the best, most urban jazz talent going, opening with vocalist Renee Yoxon, the Jensen Sisters and talked-about sax player Grace Kelly's Quintet at the National Arts Centre's Fourth Stage on Feb. 14.

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Tickets for the Ottawa Winter Jazz Festival are available online at ottawajazzfestival.com

Also featured is Mark Ferguson's Quartet at the Brookstreet hotel, Cancura and his buddies Roddy Ellias, John Geggie and Michel Delage at ARC hotel lounge, and Brooklyn's Matuto at the Mercury Lounge.

The heat-seeking jazz vibe continues on Feb. 15 with legendary guitarist John Ambercrombie at the Library and Archives Canada building and the Blind Boys of Alabama at Dominion-Chalmers United Church.

"It's a really exciting time for jazz right now," Cancura says. "Jazz is going through a new wave, with a lot of interesting, improvised music and a lot of new and exciting talent. In the summer, you have to rockify the festival because everyone wants to be outside and have a good time. Winter is all about the music. Want to make the best of winter? Get your butt off the couch and go to a show."
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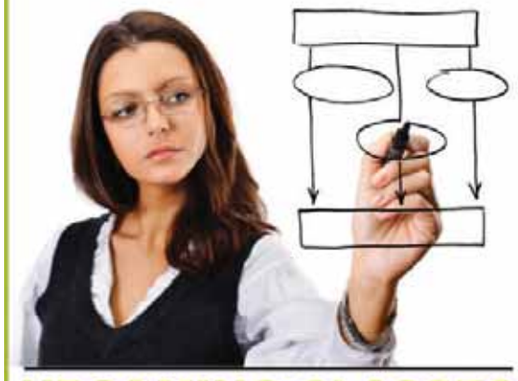

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‘The unravelling of Ford’: New vid shows mayor off the wagon

Broken promise. The mayor pledged to clean up his act, but this vid shows he has not done that, one councillor says

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford ended weeks of adamant vows that he had given up alcohol by admitting Tuesday that he was drinking the previous night, after a video emerged of him in a rambling, profane rant.

The poorly framed video of the largely incoherent Ford using Jamaican swear words was posted to YouTube anonymously, and appears to have been filmed at a restaurant called Steak Queen in the city’s north west.

Ford admitted he had been drinking, but said it was on his “own time.”

“I was with some friends and what I do in my personal life with my personal friends, that’s up to me,” Ford told reporters outside his city hall office. “It really has nothing to do with you guys.”

The mayor denied that he was on drugs the previous night but wouldn’t say how he got home from the restaurant in that state.

In the video Ford uses profanity, appears to imitate a Jamaican accent and uses the Jamaican swear word bumbaclot, references Toronto Police Chief Bill Blair and counter-surveillance, though full sentences cannot be made out from the audio.

Ford said he did not think the language he used was offensive or discriminatory.

“It’s how I speak with some of my friends,” he said.

Coun. Michael Thompson, the city’s only black councillor, said the mayor’s interpretation of “supposedly being Jamaican” was offensive.

He called it another unfortunate situation in the “unravelling of Rob Ford,” saying many fellow councillors were skeptical of Ford’s claims of sobriety.

Ford has repeatedly said he hasn’t had a drink since November — after a month in which reams of allegations in police documents that he did drugs, drove drunk and consorted with gang members were released by the courts.

The mayor has denied those allegations, which have not been proven in court, but did admit in November that he had smoked crack cocaine, likely in one of his “drunken stupors.”

Ford’s brother at first denied the video could have been filmed Monday night, both because the mayor looks thinner these days and because he spoke to him at 10:30 p.m.

“Obviously that’s him but it didn’t happen last night,” Coun. Doug Ford told reporters after watching the video. “I’ll repeat what he’s said 10 million times: Beginning of November he hasn’t taken a drink. Very simple.”

A user of the social media site Instagram posted a photo around midnight of the mayor posing with two men and identified the location as Steak Queen.

Coun. Joe Mihevic said it appeared from the video that Ford was “off the wagon.”

“It was his commitment that he would clean up his act,” Mihevic said. “What this shows is that he has not done that.”

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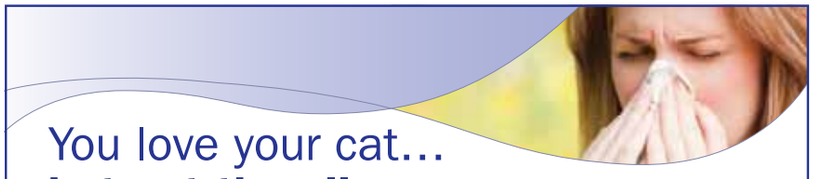
Quoted

“We’ve been fairly silent in just waiting for the next thing to occur ... I think we all had sort of concluded it was only a matter of time.”

Coun. Michael Thompson, about Ford.

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford leaves his city hall office on Tuesday. A new video of what appears to be an intoxicated Ford has surfaced. ANDREW FRANCIS WALLACE/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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The wire

Quebec union tried to thwart corruption inquiry

Quebec’s largest labour federation was ready to ask Parti Quebecois Leader Pauline Marois for help in ensuring no corruption inquiry ever took place, according to a wiretap conversation heard Tuesday. The 2009 exchange, played at the Charbonneau Commission, is between two senior union bosses — then-federation president Michel Arsenault and Jean Lavallee, former president of the federation’s construction wing. The union has been under the microscope as the inquiry looks at how organized crime infiltrated it through its construction wing. THE CANADIAN PRESS

‘He touched my hand.’ Throngs delighted by Harper’s Israeli stance

Throngs of Israelis literally reached out to touch Stephen Harper on Tuesday as he basked in a hero’s welcome at the sacred Western Wall, shortly after he and his Israeli counterpart insisted their countries do, indeed, have differences of opinion.

The prime minister’s jam-packed second full day in Israel included a morning chat with President Shimon Peres, as well as a bilateral meeting with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and six Canadian cabinet ministers, including John Baird and Jason Kenney.

Netanyahu and his wife then accompanied Harper and his wife Laureen to the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial Museum for a harrowing look back at the horrors perpetrated on the Jews by Nazi Germany.

“They are remembered always, in our hearts, in our prayers and most importantly in our resolve,” Harper wrote in the museum guest book. “Never again.”

Just after sunset, the prime minister was greeted by hundreds of onlookers as he made his way from his vehicle to the wall. A beaming Harper stopped and chatted briefly with the throngs before solemnly observing the wall. After he made his way back to his motorcade, a woman in the crowd was heard to shriek: “He touched my hand!”

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Fishermen on boats catch bottlenose dolphins during the selection process in Taiji, western Japan, Sunday. A Japanese government spokesman defended the annual dolphin hunt, saying it is carried out in accordance with the law. The controversial hunt was the subject of the 2009 film The Cove. SEA SHEPHERD CONSERVATION SOCIETY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dolphin hunt the largest in years

Japan. Fishermen say the hunt is part of their tradition and call foreign critics who eat other types of meat hypocritical

Japanese fishermen have finished killing about 40 dolphins targeted for their meat as part of a larger group trapped recently in what activists say was the biggest roundup they have witnessed in the last four annual hunts.

A video released Tuesday by Sea Shepherd shows dozens of fishermen on boats surveying the dolphins after they were confined to a cove with nets. Divers can be seen holding the dolphins selected for sale and guiding them to nets hanging off the boats.

While other dolphins have been killed since the hunting season began in September, Sea Shepherd said the 250 herded into the cove last Friday was the largest group it has seen since it began monitoring the hunt.

The annual hunt in the village of Taiji received high-profile criticism when U.S. Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy tweeted last weekend that she was deeply concerned about the practice. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Total number captured

250

Sea Shepherd, best known for its anti-whaling activities, said that of roughly 250 captured dolphins, the fishermen first selected 52 to keep alive for sale to aquariums and other customers. They included a rare albino calf and its mother.

They call it a royal flush

Harry steps up as prince of poop

Prince Harry has reunited with fellow polar adventurers, who couldn't resist telling the world that his special skill on their Antarctic adventure was latrine construction.

The group, which includes a dozen injured servicemen and women from Britain, the United States and Commonwealth countries, trekked hundreds of kilometres to reach the South Pole on Dec 13. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Climate change. 2013 one of the four hottest years, ever: NOAA

Last year tied for the fourth hottest year on record around the globe.

The average world temperature was 14.52 C, tying with 2003 for the fourth warmest since 1880, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said Tuesday.

At the same time, NASA, which calculates records in a different manner, ranked last year as the seventh warmest on record, with an average temperature of 14.6 C. The difference is related to how the two agencies calculate temperatures in the Arctic and other remote places and is based on differences that are in the hundredths of a degree, scientists said.

Both agencies said nine of the 10 warmest years on record have happened in the 21st century. The hottest year was 2010, according to NOAA. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sochi scrambling to sell tickets amid expense, terrorism concerns

What if they held an Olympics and nobody came?

The situation isn't that bleak for the Sochi Games. Yet, with less than three weeks to go until the opening ceremony, hundreds of thousands of tickets remain unsold, raising the prospect of empty seats and a lack of atmosphere at Russia's first Winter Olympics.

There are signs that many foreign fans are staying away, turned off by terrorist threats, expensive flights and hotels, long travel distances, a shortage of tourist attractions in the area and the hassle of obtaining visas and spectator passes.

"Some people are scared it costs too much and other people are scared because of security," International Olympic Committee member Gerhard Heiberg of Norway said.

Sochi organizers announced last week that 70 per cent of tickets have been sold for the games, which run from Feb. 7-23 and represent a symbol of pride and prestige for Russia and President Vladimir Putin.

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A person walks through the main press centre on Jan. 8 in Sochi. MICHAEL HEIMAN/GETTY IMAGES

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Security personnel walk in the Olympic Park in the Coastal Cluster in Sochi, Russia, on Jan. 9. believed to be in Sochi. MICHAEL HEIMAN/GETTY IMAGES

Russians on 'black widow'

Olympic security. Officials say three female potential suicide bombers are on the loose, including one at large in Sochi

Russian security officials are hunting down three potential female suicide bombers, one of whom is believed to be in Sochi, where the Winter Olympics will begin next month.

Police leaflets seen by an Associated Press reporter at a central Sochi hotel on Tuesday contain warnings about the three potential bombers.

A U.S. congressman who was in Sochi on Tuesday to assess the situation said he was impressed by the work of Russian security forces, but troubled that potential suicide bombers had gotten into the city, despite all of the extraordinary security measures.

"We know some of them got through the perimeter," said Rep. Michael McCaul, chairman of the U.S. House Homeland Security Committee. "She's for real. What we don't know is how many more black widows are out there."

Russian authorities have blamed the so-called "black widows" of slain insurgents for previous attacks in the country.

McCaul, a Republican from Texas, said he had numerous meetings with officials in

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"How many potential cells could be in Sochi and the Olympic village?"

U.S. Congressman Rep. Michael McCaul, who, despite being impressed by the work of Russian security forces, said he was troubled that potential suicide bombers had gotten into Sochi.

Security officials are searching for three potential suicide bombers, one of whom is

the hunt for bombers

Moscow and Sochi, and was briefed by the joint operation centre in Sochi, which is responsible for overall security in the area.

The congressman expressed concern that terrorists could have gotten into Sochi before security was tightened.

"How many potential cells could be in Sochi and the Olympic village?" he said. "But after 'the ring of steel' was implemented, we have this one person who seems to have been able to penetrate it. It does demonstrate vulnerability." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The 'black widows'

A photo of a police leaflet seen in a Sochi hotel on Tuesday shows Ruzanna Ibragimova and states that she is at large in the city.
NATALYA VASILYEVA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A police letter said that one of the suicide bombers, Ruzanna Ibragimova, a 22-year-old widow of an Islamic militant, was at large in Sochi.

- Police material distributed to the hotel staff included pictures of two other women in veils: 26-year-old Zaira Aliyeva and 34-year-old Dzhannet Tsakhayeva.
- It said the women had been trained "to perpetrate acts of terrorism."

Olympic band may play gay anthem Y.M.C.A. as a 'signal' of solidarity

The Dutch brass band that always performs at Olympic speed skating ovals is considering playing a popular gay song, Village People's YMCA, at the Sochi Winter Olympics to show its support for gay rights.

It remains to be seen how Russian and Olympic authorities would react should the Kleintje Pils band play a song widely considered to be a gay anthem. A ban on information about "non-traditional sexual relations" signed into law by Russian President Vladimir Putin has provoked widespread international outrage from critics who believe it discriminates against gays.

Bandleader Ruud Bakker said on Tuesday that Kleintje Pils could mix YMCA in its singalong repertoire as "a signal." But he added that the band didn't want to antagonize organizers or turn its performances into a "political game."

"We will see if we can get one or two songs into the selection, knowing that in the Netherlands it will be seen as a signal we are thinking of them (gays)," Bakker said.
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Chinese man who kept women as sex slaves is executed

Luoyang city. The man, 36, kept his six victims in a dungeon; two were killed by fellow victims he coerced into doing so

China executed a man on Tuesday who kept six women in a dungeon as sex slaves for periods of up to 21 months, during which he coerced three of them to kill two of their fellow captives, a court official said.

Li Hao, 36, who was executed, had dug a dungeon underneath a basement he bought in August 2009 and tricked women who worked at hair salons, karaoke bars and a massage parlour into going there with him, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

Li repeatedly raped the women, who were held there between two and 21 months, it said.

Police said he wanted to make money by forcing the women into prostitution and to appear in obscene webcasts.

His dungeon in Luoyang city in central Henan province was finally discovered after one of the women escaped and went to police.

The two women who died were killed by three of the others on Li's instructions, and they were also found guilty of murder, according to Xinhua, which said they were shown leniency. Two were put on probation, one got three years jail time. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Married with a child

Xinhua News Agency said Li Hao was convicted of murder, rape, illegal detention, organized prostitution and manufacturing pornography for profit. He was sentenced to death in 2012 and fined $1,640.

- Li forced the women to appear in webcasts and forced them to have sex with customers.
- When Li was arrested in September 2011, he was married with an eight-month-old son. He'd built the dungeon away from his home.

A Jersey wind chill: –40 C!

A woman tries to control her skirt and umbrella as a gusty wind blows onto her during a winter storm, Tuesday, in Jersey City, N.J. A cold spell has gripped the region, with bitterly cold air and wind chills as low as -40 in the forecast. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pennsylvania

U.S. man wanted by cops located via Facebook

Police in one Pennsylvania town really "liked" this Facebook post.

The Wilkes-Barre Times Leader reports officers arrested 35-year-old Anthony Lescowitch less than two hours after he shared a wanted photo of himself and taunted police for not being able to find him.

Police in Freeland say Lescowitch shared the wanted bulletin minutes after they posted it on the department Facebook page Monday night. He was being sought on assault charges.

An officer pretending to be an attractive woman then messaged Lescowitch. Police say Lescowitch agreed to meet for a cigarette, and was arrested at the agreed-upon location.

Lescowitch remained in jail Tuesday. Court records don't list a defence attorney for him. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Fellow student charged in campus killing

Purdue University in Indiana. Cops believe shooting of teaching assistant was targeted

Gunman's path

"The individual entered the facility and took the actions that he took, and then immediately left the facility without any other interaction that we're aware of."
Purdue Police Chief John Cox

One student was killed inside a Purdue University classroom Tuesday by a gunman who surrendered to police within minutes of the attack in Indiana, officials said.

Purdue Police Chief John Cox said Tuesday that 23-year-old Cody Cousins of Warsaw, Ind., was being held on a preliminary charge of murder.

Cousins is accused of shooting 21-year-old Andrew Boldt of West Bend, Wis., in the university's Electrical Engineering Building around noon Tuesday.

Cox said police were still investigating the motive but said it appeared to be a targeted shooting.

No one else was injured.

Cox says Boldt was a senior and worked as a teaching assistant in the school. Cousins is a student in the engineering school.

The suspect gave himself up to a West Lafayette police officer outside the building on the 40,000-student campus, he said.

Cox said authorities responded aggressively after the shooting was reported, with about 20 campus and city police officers at the building within minutes.

He said the suspect did not immediately co-operate with investigators.

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Can't topple a leader on an empty stomach

Anti-government protest leader Suthep Thaugsuban, centre, sits for lunch during a protest rally on Tuesday in Bangkok. Thailand has declared a state of emergency in the capital and its surrounding areas to cope with anti-government protests that have stirred up violence. SAKCHAI LALIT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Executed at 14. Judge to decide whether to give long-dead child a retrial

George Stinney Jr. SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

The judge, prosecutor and defence lawyers all agree that justice wasn't carried out 70 years ago when a 14-year-old black boy was sent to the electric chair for killing two white girls in South Carolina.

But figuring out exactly what happened in March 1944 may be elusive, they said during the first day of a hearing into whether the boy, George Stinney, should get a new trial. People who attended the original trial have died and most of the evidence has disappeared.

His lawyers argued his conviction was tainted by racism and scant evidence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pakistan. Violence claims militants, soldiers, health workers and pilgrims

The Pakistani air force pounded militant hideouts near the Afghan border on Tuesday, killing dozens of people following deadly bombings against security forces in recent days.

Elsewhere, a roadside bomb killed 20 Shiite pilgrims in a separatist province, and gunmen opened fire on workers administering polio vaccinations, killing three people.

The Pakistani government has come under heavy pressure to aggressively tackle a surge in militant violence instead of solely relying on efforts to start peace talks with the Taliban-led insurgents.

The air strikes in North Waziristan came after the Taliban claimed responsibility for a bomb that killed 26 soldiers Sunday when it tore through a military convoy inside an army compound in the nearby Bannu area.

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Afghanistan

De-miners freed after abduction

A group of 57 civilian de-miners was released on Tuesday just hours after being captured by unknown gunmen in western Afghanistan, officials said.

The governor of Herat province, Faizullah Wahidi, said the de-miners were released unconditionally after being abducted as they drove to an area that needed to be cleared.

Wahidi did not know who kidnapped them or why. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Central African Republic

New mass grave found: Minister

French intelligence services have reported a new mass grave in Central African Republic, France's defence minister said Tuesday.

Jean-Yves Le Drian said a Tuesday memo described a grave of about 15 bodies outside the capital Bangui. He did not elaborate.

Since December, France and a UN-backed coalition of African states have sent troops to help end violence between Christians and Muslims. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Stars help Gen Y shoot for the career moon

Taking off. A galaxy of leaders, including astronaut Chris Hadfield, connect with millennials to help get their work lives off the ground

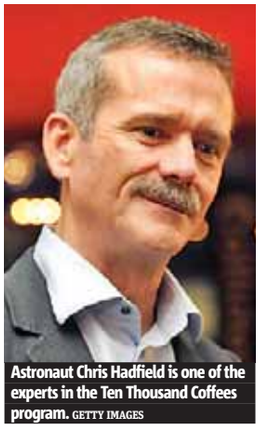
Dave Wilkin credits a meeting over coffee with changing his life and setting him on a path.

A student at the University of Waterloo, he had a single goal: Find a job.

He sent out hundreds of emails to business leaders in hopes of landing work. In most cases, he didn't hear back at all.

But he got a response back from Mia Pearson, a communications executive, who invited him to meet her for a coffee at a Toronto café. Within minutes of the meeting, she urged Wilkin to start his own company.

He did just that — and nearly five years later, his social media marketing firm Redwood Strategic, which specializes in targeting millennials, is doing a booming business.



Astronaut Chris Hadfield is one of the experts in the Ten Thousand Coffees program. GETTY IMAGES

But Wilkin, 25, knows many young people, whether they are still in school or figuring out what career to pursue, would benefit from the guidance he got.

So Wilkin is taking that idea of the coffee conversation and formalizing it as Ten Thousand Coffees, which launched Tuesday at tenthousandcoffees.com.

Some heavy hitters have signed up: Astronaut Chris Hadfield, comic Rick Mercer and Twitter Canada head Kirstine Stewart. Bank executives, non-profit leaders, lawyers and academics are among the 300 experts in 21 industries participating.

Even though the program is called Ten Thousand Coffees, Wilkin says the meetings connecting Gen Y and seasoned experts can be over coffee or take place anywhere, including on Skype, Google Hangouts or "any vehicle to ignite the conversations."

The meetings can focus on career advice, how to start a business, or simply sharing a big idea, but Wilkin said it is up to the individuals to decide, and whether they want to formalize the relationship.

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Golden Gate bets on Bitcoin

The Golden Gate Hotel & Casino is seen on Fremont Street in downtown Las Vegas. Starting today, patrons at the Golden Gate and the D casino will be able to use the online currency Bitcoin to pay for rooms, food and drinks. The cybercurrency will also be accepted at the D's gift shop and two restaurants. U.S. dollars will remain the only currency accepted on the casinos' gambling floors. ETHAN MILLER/GETTY IMAGES

Waterloo

BlackBerry selling most real estate holdings in Canada

BlackBerry is selling the majority of its commercial real estate holdings in Canada, but the struggling smartphone maker refused to say how much it expects to make from the deals.

The Waterloo-based company said it plans to use a combination of vacant sales and sale-leaseback arrangements in divesting the properties. THE CANADIAN PRESS

From 2002

Conrad Black owes taxes on income, benefits: Court

Conrad Black owes the Canadian government taxes on income and taxable benefits from 2002, according to a ruling by the Tax Court of Canada.

Chief Justice Gerald Rip sided with the CRA's argument in a dispute over Black's residency status because he owned homes in both Canada and the United Kingdom.

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Cases totalled $28B

China seized 60,000 piracy suspects in 2013

Chinese police seized almost 60,000 suspects involved in intellectual property infringement cases with a total estimated value of $28 billion US in 2013, state media reported Tuesday.

China's rampant piracy and production of bogus goods is a major irritant in its relations with trading partners. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Market Minute

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Mo money, mo problems. CEOs want their slice of the feds spending surplus pie

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty shouldn't lose sight of what businesses need before making any final decisions about spending a surplus ahead of the next election, says a group representing the country's biggest corporations.

While the Canadian Council of Chief Executives supports Flaherty's drive to slay the deficit, it says in a Jan. 17 letter that there will be a lot of people with their hands out once he posts a surplus.

"If you think it's tough managing spending when you're in a deficit, just wait until you have a surplus," council president and CEO John Manley said Tuesday in an interview from Davos, Switzerland.

"Because everybody that's been able to say, 'Well, OK,' during times of restraint are going to believe that they should be at the top of the list in times of surplus. So he's going to have his work cut out for him."

It's no secret that the Conservatives want a surplus in 2015 so they can deliver on previous promises, such as partial income splitting for families, for the next election.

But Flaherty needs to make business needs a priority too, Manley said.

"You have to keep an eye on the competitiveness agenda for Canada at all times," the former Liberal finance minister.

"We have an opportunity now with a balanced budget to try to move forward in some of the other competitiveness elements, and that's what we're trying to make sure that doesn't get lost in the run-up to an election."

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Slapping away hands

Meanwhile, in France, it was the government giving CEOs the ultimatum.

- If execs want to feast on promised cut in payroll taxes, French President Francois Hollande warned top companies that they have to promise to hire and invest more first.

WATCHING NHL SAME AS BAR BRAWL

JUST SAYIN'

Paul Sullivan
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Good morning, class.

Today's topic is: NHL hockey — Big League or Bush League?

Yes, we have to go there after Saturday night, when the Vancouver Canucks and Calgary Flames re-enacted that classic hockey movie Slapshot by starting a brawl off the opening faceoff.

Once the final whistle (mercifully) blew, the referees had assessed 204 minutes in penalties, and Kellan Lain, a new Canucks bruiser playing his first game in the bigs, set an NHL record for being ejected two seconds into the start of his career.

As amazing as all that was, it was nothing compared to what happened between the first and second period, when Canucks coach John Tortorella decided to invade the Calgary dressing room in an attempt to get to Calgary coach Bob Hartley, no doubt to enter into a dialogue about fostering peaceful coexistence.

Tortorella has been suspended for 15 days without pay to cool off, but enjoys a hero's status in Vancouver, where he's being hailed as some kind of hockey warrior god who sticks up for his guys.

Of course, the whole episode is not playing so well outside Metro Vancouver. In fact, Peter Gammons, who works for Major League Baseball, went as far as to tweet, "Calgary and Vancouver last night reiterated why the NHL is a minor sport."

Wounded hockey fans wanted to know who the hell this Peter Gammons is, and I guess it won't matter that he was America's National Sportswriter of the year in 1989, '90 and '93 and received an honorary Poynter Fellowship from Yale. Betcha he's a pussy.

Meanwhile, hockey fans are still getting a buzz off the Winter Classic on New Year's Day when 100,000 turned up in a snowstorm to watch the Leafs beat the Red Wings. See? Ain't no minor sport.

So is a sport that features the on-ice equivalent of a barroom brawl right from the opening faceoff a minor sport or not? And speaking of minorities, I never feel more minor than when I'm at the arena and a couple of goons drop their gloves. Thousands of otherwise sane and rational moms, dads, friends and lovers leap to their feet and let out a bloodthirsty roar of approval. The only thing better, apparently, than two goons, is 10 goons.

At least, say hockey's apologists, we no longer have bench-clearing brawls. Well, that's a relief. Now all we have to do is put an armed guard outside the opposing team's dressing room in case Coach decides to go postal between periods.

Oddly enough, I still believe pro hockey is big league. The brilliance of the playmaking, skill and speed somehow survives the worst efforts of its most dedicated cavemen.

And you'll be pleased to hear a recent survey shows that fighting has declined. There are only 0.88 fights a game! It's the dawn of civilized hockey.

Now if someone would just tell the coach.

ZOOM

Hue can be happy with colour

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Pleasing to more than just the eye

Thousands of vibrant street style photos, right, were used to design this mood-boosting sun illustration.

The colour yellow is associated with invigorating your state of mind, while red, a tempestuous shade and pigment of passion, can swing either way in the direction of love or hate. Colour does affect your mood. Angela Wright, one of the leading experts in colour psychology and author of A Theory of Colour Psychology and Colour Harmony, roots this in evolution: "Humans have developed an innate reaction to colour as a survival mechanism. People derive deep spiritual pleasure from the rich greens of a summer landscape but can be depressed by long periods of grey, overcast weather." METRO

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It's right about this time of year — just after Christmas but before the yearly April tax deadline — that people tend to take a closer (some would argue honest) look at their personal finances. They hum and haw over what they've saved too little for or, if you're like me, spent too much on. There's plenty of reasons to get your finances in order, but thanks to an increasingly crowded app environment, more and more companies are creating applications to make budgeting easier. Here are some budget apps to help clean up your money woes:

Level money:

Devoid of the snark and finger wagging that usually accompanies budget apps, this money saver breaks down how much you spend into easy-to-read graphs. You can see how much you spend every day, week and month, with new transactions added to your budget in real time.

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@metropicks asked: You can get insurance to cover 'change of heart' for your wedding. If you could get it, would you?

@Canucklehead_ca: No. That being said, my wife is curious if it can be bought retroactively - say a decade and a bit? (Must be asking for a friend.)

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SCENE 2

Frankenstein's creation is back from the dead, again

Creature feature. The monster may have many names, but he's been a fixture on the silver screen since the birth of cinema

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The eight-foot-tall, gruesomely ugly creation of Victor Frankenstein has been called many things. In the original Mary Shelley novel he is named The Ogre. In the credits of the Boris Karloff film he is referred to as The Monster. He's also been called a fiend, the thing and the demon.

All those terms are apt for a creature born of dead body parts but a new movie adds a different name to the list — Adam. As in Adam Frankenstein.

I, Frankenstein stars Aaron Eckhart as Adam, the prefab man. He's now an immortal martial arts expert battling a war between rival clans in an ancient city. The character takes the name from the Shelley book. Sort of.

Shelley never gave the monster a name. People often mistakenly refer to him as Frankenstein, but in the novel the creature says to Victor, "I ought to be thy Adam; but I am rather the fallen angel."

Whatever you want to call him, Frankenstein's Monster has always been a popular character in the movies.

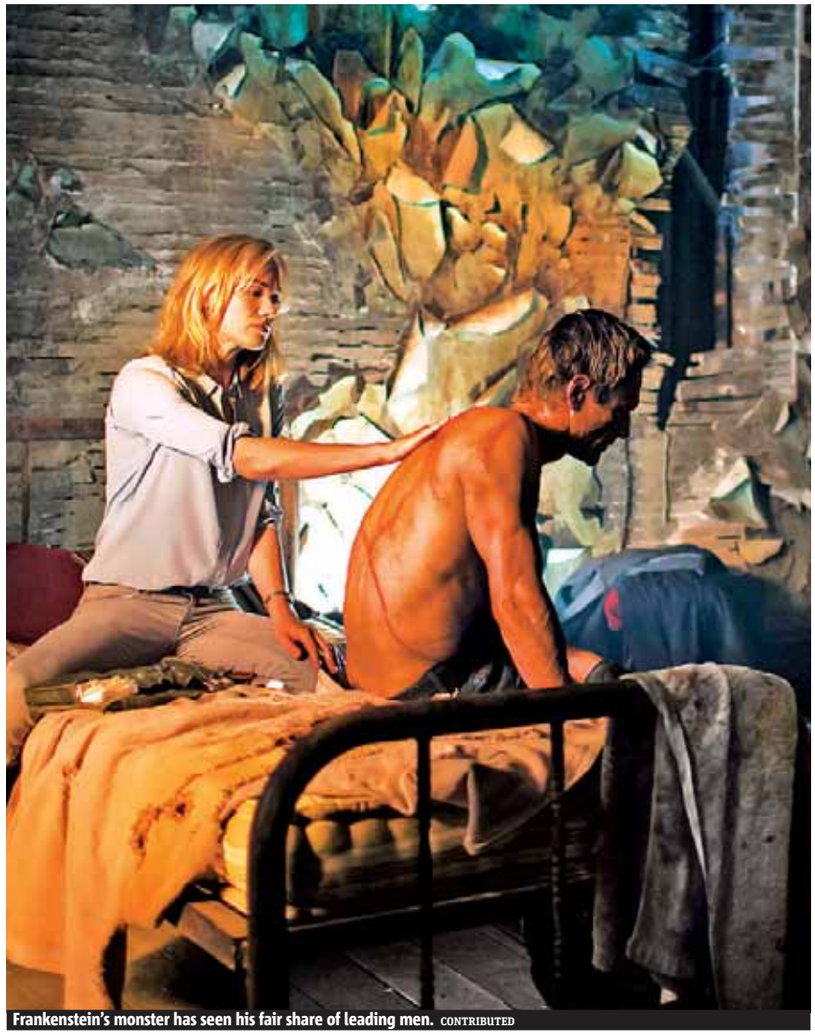
The most famous film featuring the creature has to be Boris Karloff's 1931 classic, but it wasn't the first. Five silent films, one with the dramatic title Life Without Soul and another that featured the brute emerging from a cauldron of fiery chemicals, all played to packed houses.

From those dramatic beginnings dozens of movies followed.

Robert De Niro played the beast in Mary Shelley's Frankenstein. On the set director Kenneth Branagh banned the word "monster," insisting instead that everyone refer to the creature the same way he is billed in the credits, as "The Sharp Featured Man."

Frankenstein: The College Years is basically an unlikely mix of Shelley's story and Encino Man. Directed by Tom Shadyac, this 1991 comedy sees college student Mark (William Ragsdale) reanimate Dr. Frankenstein's creature who then becomes a football star and a big man on campus known as Frank N. Stein (Vincent Hammond). "He blends right in," says Mark of the six-foot-nine Frank. "He's a regular invisible man."

The movie The Bride, a 1985 remake of The Bride of Frankenstein starring Sting and Jennifer Beals, gave the fiend yet another name. He was dubbed Viktor but not in tribute to his creator Victor Frankenstein. In this retelling the good doctor is known as Baron Charles Frankenstein. The name Viktor was chosen in tribute to the film's producer Victor Drai.



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Eckhart takes on monster of a role

I, Frankenstein.
Chiseled actor takes his turn at the man-made monster in new sci-fi fantasy flick

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Since that fevered night over a century past, when writer Mary Shelley, her hubby Percy and their pals Byron and Polidori got silly on sex and substances and helped birth her masterpiece of gothic horror Frankenstein, popular culture has mined and exploited the novel's concepts in a myriad of media to varying effect.

The latest stab at the man-made monster mythology is I, Frankenstein, an adaptation of the same-named graphic novel by actor-writer Kevin Grevioux (Underworld).

It stars The Dark Knight's Aaron Eckhart as Adam, the good doctor's undying creation who channels Clint Eastwood's "man with no name" by wandering into a war between two enemy camps; in this case gargoyles and demons.

It's an outrageous concept, but what really appealed to the celebrated actor was its focus on character.

"I think that for the audience, the movie is an action-packed, fantastic, science fiction, horror film," Eckhart says."But for me it's a personal thing, a personal film about a father and son and, really, that idea goes back to the book. It's a film that marries that idea with the monster's fighting skills and this other world he ends up in, looking for his soul and his purpose in life."

Eckhart's resumé is diverse. From his recent aforementioned turn as Harvey Dent Two-Face in The Dark Knight to his macho role in Erin Brockovich to his extensive work with director Neil LaBute in films like In the Company of Men and Nurse Betty. But as random as his professional trajectory may seem, the actor has a dedicated criteria to choosing his parts.

"It's all about falling in love with my character," Eckhart claims. "When I'm reading a script and suddenly, my five senses kick in, then I know it's right. Then I gravitate towards the director, which is important. A real director can make good material great and the reverse is almost never true. Ultimately, I'm just trying to act in quality projects, I'm not a careerist."

With I, Frankenstein, Eckhart is immersed in a miasma of baroque, deft visual effects to goose the film's allegorical melodrama.

And better still, Eckhart is supported by another great actor, genre favourite Bill Nighy, who, like Grevioux, is also a veteran of the Underworld films.

Nighy plays the evil lord of the demons and is indeed enabled by Australian writer-director Stuart Beattie, a talent that Eckhart is in awe of.

"Stuart is a real creator, a master over his material." Eckhart says. "He loves to collaborate and has a fantastic imaginative mind, which he really put to use here. I think he created a world that people will enjoy, absolutely pure, thrilling escapism."

Aaron Eckhart plays Adam in I, Frankenstein. CONTRIBUTED

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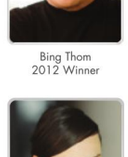
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Kelly Osbourne allegedly made a scene during a recent Joan Rivers gig.
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Osbourne throws her hands in the air like she just don't care (and like she got totally blotto)

Joan Rivers is a pro when it comes to dealing with hecklers at her stand-up shows, but what about when the nuisance is caused by a co-worker? A seemingly intoxicated Kelly Osbourne reportedly made quite a scene at Fashion Police co-host Rivers' recent gig in Los Angeles, according to Radar Online. "Kelly had one drink before the show started, and then during the show she got up and went to the bar to get even more drinks," a source says. "Kelly was yelling things out to Joan during the show when no one else was and she was throwing her hands up in the air. She was doing it obnoxiously. Everyone around her thought she was drunk." After the show, another witness spotted Osbourne "banging on the door to get backstage after the show. She grabbed her friend as she was leaving and was hanging onto him. It seemed so obvious that she had been drinking."

Russell's unsure of his own Fast & Furious role

Calling his late cast mate Paul Walker "a terrific guy," Kurt Russell says he's not sure what will happen with his role in the latest Fast & Furious movie.

Russell joined the seventh film in the franchise and plays a father figure to Vin Diesel's character Dominic Toretto.

The 62-year-old actor said he had one day left of filming when Walker died in a car crash outside Los Angeles last November.

"They're having to rewrite, they're having to do whatever they're having to do to deal with the situation. Listen, it's catastrophic. It's the worst thing that could happen to a movie, but it's not as bad as what happened to Paul," Russell said in an interview at the Sundance Film Festival.

The latest film in the fast-car franchise, directed by James Wan, is now set for release in April 2015. Russell expects to return to set sometime this year.

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The Word

Justin Bieber leaves his autograph... in the snow

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What's the best way to distract from a sexting scandal, alleged drug abuse and possible criminal vandalism charges? How about adding public urination into the mix?

That's the strategy that Justin Bieber is reportedly deploying, at any rate. Biebs and his posse are in Colorado right now. They were on the road when the pop star felt the sudden call of nature and decided to pull over to relieve himself. But not in the woods or off the freeway — rather, in the affluent residential neighbourhood of Snowmass.

According to TMZ, local residents looked on in shock as Bieber peed in the snow right in front of them. After he'd zipped up and headed off to take care of whatever important Bieber business he was pursuing, they crept up to the scene of the crime and found that he'd whizzed his initials into the snow.

At least he's creative. Most celebrities' downward spirals are pretty boring, at least from the outside: drugs, booze, drugs, girls, fights, drugs. Bieber has all of that, but also public urination and pranks. It certainly keeps things lively.

Kanye West

'God, sex and alcohol': The Kanye way

If you were curious as to how Kanye West coped with the aftermath of his infamous 2009 MTV Video Music Awards stage-crashing of Taylor Swift, it was with "God, sex and alcohol," he tells 12 Years a Slave director Steve McQueen in a feature for Interview Magazine. "I don't have an addictive personality, so that means that I can lean on what might be someone else's vice just enough to make it through to the next day. You know, just enough religion, a half-cup of alcohol with some ice in it and a nice chaser, and then I'd make it to the next week."

Harry Styles cozies up to a mystery brunette at Sundance

Harry Styles

Harry Styles is still romantically linked to Kendall Jenner, but the One Direction star was turning heads at the Sundance Film Festival thanks to the attention he was paying to a brunette member of his entourage, according to E! News. "He was with three guys and two girls. They were all sitting together in a corner booth laughing and having a good time," a source says. "As the night went on, I could see Harry flirting with the brunette. At one point it was just the two of them canoodling in the corner. They were really into each other." But Jenner shouldn't worry too much, as the source insists that getting cozy and flirty was as far as it went.

"Love" by Emeka Olisemeka

To my dear Heran Abraham

Love is limitless, love survives
Love is something that is difficult to describe
Love is never perfect, but love is kind
Love is our feelings intertwined
Love is patient, love is paradise
Love is what I see when I look in your eyes
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Fans of the Beatles are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the band's U.S. televised debut. While it all culminates with a star-studded Los Angeles tribute concert (to be televised Feb. 9), there are many other ways to honour the Fab Four around the globe.

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4 Stops on a Magical Mystery Tour

Liverpool, U.K.

The birthplace of the Beatles. There's perhaps no better place to bathe in Beatlemania than Liverpool. Whether it's touring the Beatles Story museum — which boasts the biggest permanent exhibition faithful to the Fab Four — visiting the childhood homes of John Lennon and Paul McCartney or sleeping at the Yellow Submarine Hotel floating in historic Albert Dock, the Merseyside city is the epicentre for fans. Be sure to stop by the infamous Cavern Club and grab a pint where The Beatles performed over 290 shows in their early days.
Songs to highlight your visit: Penny Lane, Yellow Submarine

Abbey Road, London

On the bucket list of most Fab Four followers is getting to London's famous Abbey Road. Located in the St. John's Wood district of the English capital (don't get confused with the Abbey Road transit station in the east end), this simple crosswalk is where many Beatlemaniacs recreate the iconic street-crossing cover of group's last recorded album. While the actual Abbey Road Studios is a short stroll away, don't expect much access to the Beatles' famous song salon. It's still a world-class workshop for musicians.
Songs to highlight your visit: Come Together, Something

Strawberry Fields, New York

John Lennon may have lived in Manhattan for less than a decade, but he left an indelible mark on the city. With an entrance directly across from the Dakota apartments (where Lennon lived for the latter part of his life), Strawberry Fields in Central Park is a large, serene memorial garden dedicated to Lennon. A short walk through will reveal the famous Imagine pathway mosaic.
Songs to highlight your visit: Strawberry Fields Forever, Imagine

Imagine Peace Tower, Iceland

The Beatles' legacy has even pervaded the north. Visitors to Videy Island near Iceland's capital of Reykjavik can see the Imagine Peace Tower that was built to honour John Lennon. Created by Yoko Ono, the tower bears the words "imagine peace" in 24 languages, and the memorial sends beams of lights toward the sky.
Songs to highlight your visit: Across the Universe, The Ballad of John and Yoko

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This recipe makes six servings. EMILY RICHARDS

Roasted Cauliflower and Chorizo Gnocchi.

The chunky sauce in this dish offers perfect texture and flavour

DINNER EXPRESS
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There are so many people who just don't like cauliflower. But why? It is such a versatile and delicious vegetable, raw or cooked.

You can add it to soups or stews for added vegetable flavour and texture.

Serve it up raw or blanched on a veggie tray, or how about pickled — one of my faves!

My current favourite way, however, to serve up cauliflower is roasting it.

It adds a slight crunch and decadent flavour that is so simple but yet addictive.

I am pretty sure I have eaten a whole head of roasted cauliflower myself after taking it out of the oven!

So how do you roast cauliflower?

I've found the best approach is to simply remove the stem and tough core and cut the cauliflower into small florets. By doing this, more surface area gets exposed to becoming roasted and charred for an absolutely delightful texture and flavour.

In this particular recipe, I pumped up the flavour of the cauliflower by adding semi dry chorizo sausage and simple onion, garlic and parsley. It resulted in a dish worthy of my own restaurant menu.

1. In a large bowl, toss the cauliflower florets with 2 tbsp (30 ml) of the extra virgin oil, salt and freshly ground pepper. Spread over parchment paper lined baking sheet and roast in 400 F (200 C) oven for about 45 minutes or until golden brown and tender crisp. Set aside. You can do this the night before for a quick weeknight meal the next day.

2. In a large nonstick skillet, heat the remaining extra virgin oil over medium heat and sauté the chorizo sausage, onion and garlic for about 8 minutes or until soft and starting to become golden. Stir in the chicken or vegetable broth and parsley. Keep warm.

3. Meanwhile, in a pot of boiling salted water, cook gnocchi for about 5 minutes or until they float to the top and are tender but firm. Using a slotted spoon or small sieve lift gnocchi out of water and add to skillet with sausage and onion. Add butter and cook over low heat. Stir in roasted cauliflower and toss to combine until heated through. Serve in shallow bowls.

Ingredients

- 1 head cauliflower, cut into small florets
- 3 tbsp (45 ml) extra virgin olive oil
- 1/4 tsp (1 ml) each salt and fresh ground pepper
- 1 pkg (250 g) semi cured mild chorizo sausage, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) chicken or vegetable broth
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) chopped fresh parsley
- 1 pkg (1 lb/454 g) gnocchi (fresh or frozen)
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) butter

Chicken and tortellini get tossed

You can use leftover chicken for this dish or pick up a rotisserie chicken and make it that much faster!

Sun-dried tomatoes are packed in oil and that oil has lots of flavour. In this salad dressing I've used the oil to add more flavour and enhance the sun-dried tomatoes added to it. If there isn't quite enough oil in your jar, you can use extra virgin olive oil instead.

If you need to moisten or refresh the salad before serving, simply drizzle a little more sun-dried tomato or olive oil and toss again.

This is perfect warm or cold.

Ingredients

- 1 pkg (about 400 g) marinated boneless skinless chicken breasts
- 1 pkg (350 g) fresh three cheese tortellini
- Half red bell pepper, chopped
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) chopped fresh parsley
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) finely chopped sundried tomatoes packed in oil

Dressing

- 2 tbsp (25 ml) sund-ried tomato oil
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) sherry or apple cider vinegar
- 1 tsp (5 ml) Dijon mustard
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Pinch each salt and pepper

1. Place chicken breasts on greased nonstick grill pan over medium heat, close lid and grill for about 12 minutes, turning once or until no longer pink inside. Remove to a cutting board and chop.

2. In pot of boiling salted water, cook tortellini for about 5 minutes or until tender but firm. Drain and toss with chicken.

3. In a large bowl, combine tortellini, chicken, red pepper, parsley and sun-dried tomatoes.

4. Dressing: In a small bowl, whisk together sun-dried tomato oil, vinegar, mustard, garlic, salt and pepper. Drizzle over top of tortellini mixture and stir to coat well.

EMILY RICHARDS

This recipe makes four servings. EMILY RICHARDS

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While Facebook is for friends, think of Linkedin as the social network for your career.

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Visually signal professional memberships

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Capital clash: Senators deliver big W in D.C.

Senators goalie Craig Anderson makes a stop on Capitals right-winger Eric Fehr during the first period of Tuesday night's game at the Verizon Center in Washington. Anderson made 34 saves for his third shutout of the season, Kyle Turris scored his 15th of the season and Jason Spezza notched his 13th as the Senators returned to their winning ways with a 2-0 victory over the Capitals after dropping two straight last week.

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Plenty of C's to set sail for the Black Sea

Sochi Games. Team Canada won't be lacking Olympic leadership with six captains on squad

Sidney Crosby will be the only one wearing the C on his jersey at the Sochi Olympics, but there will be no shortage of captains in the Team Canada locker-room.

When Canada won gold in 2010, it had nine NHL captains on its roster and two more who went on to serve in that role. This time around, the team has six, including Crosby, who was chosen to take the leadership lead.

"I don't see why that's not a good thing," said Jonathan Toews of the Blackhawks, one of two alternate captains for Canada. "I think a lot of those guys are leaders in their own way because they understand what it takes to win. And they understand that everyone has to do their job and play their role. ... I think you'll find that leadership a huge advantage for us."

With six NHL captains — Crosby, Toews, second alternate Shea Weber of the Predators, Ryan Getzlaf of the Ducks, John Tavares of the Islanders and Jamie Benn of the Stars — Canada leads all Olympic teams.

The presence of so many leaders in one dressing room and on one bench creates a different dynamic at the Olympics. But those who have been through it don't consider it a problem.

"It might be a little bit different, " Weber said. "I think it's good to have that many captains. You know that everyone's a leader and is capable of doing what it takes to win."

Crosby, Toews, Weber and Getzlaf were all part of Canada's gold-medal-winning 2010 team. All but Weber have been on Stanley Cup-winners, too.

Getzlaf wasn't yet an NHL captain when Anaheim won the Cup in 2007, and neither was defenceman Chris Pronger. That job belonged to Scott Niedermayer, who captained Canada in Vancouver.

Surrounded by so many other leaders at those Olympics, Pronger said captains have to be themselves.

"If you're a leader, you need to be a leader," he said in a phone interview. "If you're a vocal guy you need to be vocal. If you're a lead-by-example guy, lead by example. If you're a guy that does whatever it takes to win on the ice, then you're that type of player and you exude those qualities on the ice. I don't think you can step outside of yourself and say, 'Oh, we got enough talkers, I'm going to be quiet.' You're not going to be involved in the game the same way."

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Captain's goal

"Short event like that, you just want to come together quickly as a team and make sure that we're all on the same page."

Team Canada captain Sidney Crosby

CFL

Calvillo retires from football

The Anthony Calvillo era is over.

Pro football's all-time passing leader announced Tuesday he is retiring after a 20-year CFL career that saw him set several records and win three Grey Cups with the Montreal Alouettes.

"Today I would like to announce my retirement from this great game of football," Calvillo said, fighting back tears. "It has been an amazing journey of 20 years, starting in Las Vegas, to my humbling times in Hamilton to the past 16 years here in Montreal."

The Los Angeles native set records for passing yards with 79,816, completions with 5,892, pass attempts with 9,437 and touchdown passes with 455.

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Anthony Calvillo wipes his eyes on Tuesday THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

A-Rod's peers want him out of union

Several angry major league players wanted Alex Rodriguez kicked out of their union after he sued it last week, but staff lawyers told them expulsion was not allowed.

Rodriguez also sued Major League Baseball to overturn an arbitrator's decision suspending him for the 2014 season and post-season.

Details were reported Tuesday by Yahoo Sports and later confirmed to The Associated Press by a person familiar with the call. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no statements were authorized. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Eugenie Bouchard, holding a stuffed animal of a wombat thrown by one of her admirers, celebrates after defeating Ana Ivanovic at the Australian Open, Tuesday. RICK RYCROFT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Army of Aussie men pledge their allegiance to Eugenie

Australian Open. Fans will see a lot more of Canadian Bouchard as she moves up the ranks

Supporters of Canada's Eugenie Bouchard watch her quarter-final against Ana Ivanovic in Melbourne, Tuesday. ANDREW BROWNBILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

They've composed chants just for Canadian tennis player Eugenie Bouchard, roared for her until they went hoarse, and toasted her wins by fudging their way through "O Canada."

Meet the "Genie Army" — a dozen boisterous Aussies who, despite boasting zero connection to Canada, have become Bouchard's unofficial cheerleaders at the Australian Open.

Members of the weeks-old squad have jumped, danced and serenaded their way into an unmistakable grandstand presence during the Montreal teen's impressive run at the event, where she has earned a semifinal spot Thursday.

The devotees, mostly men in their 20s, have also fashioned red-and-white T-shirts that spell out Bouchard's name, flapped banners for her during matches, and lobbed plush animals — each of them native to Australia — to her on the court following each of her victories.

Though they have had little face-to-face interaction with Bouchard, they have certainly commanded her attention in Melbourne.

"The crowd here has been amazing, especially the Genie Army," Bouchard, 19, said Tuesday during an on-court interview after beating Ana Ivanovic.

She then pointed up to her noisy personal cheering section.

"I've had so much fun. Thank you guys."

The inspiration behind a brigade dedicated to Bouchard came after a bunch of Australian buddies watched her upset Ivanovic last year at Wimbledon, said one of the Army members.

In December, as the Australian Open approached, Jacob Wright said the crew decided to become her own booster club, so they started making shirts and penning Bouchard chants.

The Genie Army was born.

"She's just a great tennis player," Wright, 20, told The Canadian Press in a Skype interview from Melbourne.

"Obviously, she's a good-looking girl as well, and we're young guys, but she is a really good tennis player. It's really, really good fun to watch."

Their movement has had nothing to do with patriotism, either. When asked whether any of them had a connection to Canada, he replied: "None of us."

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Snowboarding

Champ Anderson headlines Sochi Olympic team

Defending Olympic gold medallist Jasey-Jay Anderson and 2010 Olympians Dominique Maltais and Caroline Calve are among 19 athletes added to Canada's Olympic snowboard team.

Anderson, from Mont-Tremblant, Que., won gold in the men's parallel giant slalom at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics and is a four-time world champion.

Maltais, from Petite-Riviere-St-Francois, Que., won bronze in snowboard cross at the 2006 Turin Games and silver at the 2013 world championships. She'll be looking to rebound from a disappointing Olympics in 2010, where she failed to qualify for the final.

Calve, from Aylmer, Que., became the first Canadian to win a women's parallel giant slalom world cup event in 2011 at Carezza, Italy. She recently took gold there again in December.

"Going to Sochi is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and one that I am honoured to have been chosen for," Calve said.

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Bobsledding. Ex-CFLer Lumsden brings intensity, power to deep Sochi squad

The intensity is mesmerizing when Canada's Jesse Lumsden steps behind the sled at the top of the bobsled course.

He takes a few deep breaths, grinds his teeth, and will maybe let out a yell. His darting eyes scan the icy track below and he might slap the side of the sled.

"There's no real same sort of steps that I go through. I remind myself of a couple things that are going to help me push the sled and give 'er," Lumsden said.

With pilot Chris Spring by his side, Lumsden uses every bit of power from his chiselled frame to explode out of the start. The former CFL star compares the feeling to a special-teams play in football.

Lumsden joined the Hamilton Tiger-Cats in 2005. He spent four years with the Ticats before heading west, closing out his football career with injury-plagued seasons in Edmonton and Calgary.

Lumsden attended a bobsled push camp in February 2009, and treated it as a training opportunity that might help him on the field.

He qualified for the 2010 Olympic team in the two-man and four-man sleds, finishing fifth in both events.

Canadian Jesse Lumsden
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"I knew it was going to be very exhilarating to compete in the sport and something very different that I'm not really used to," he said.

He decided to focus solely on bobsled in 2011 and his return to the Winter Games has been top of mind ever since.

Lumsden won silver at the world championship in 2012 and took the World Cup title last season with Lyndon Rush of Humboldt, Sask. Now 31, he is primed for Olympic success in the two-man and four-man sleds on the deep Canadian team. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Fight for good value in the Patriot

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Review. Is the lowest-priced Jeep "Jeep-y" enough? It will do just fine for most

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It's hard to believe, but some Jeep fans are unhappy that Chrysler has applied the Cherokee label to a much sleeker 2014 version that in no way resembles the previous decades-old design. For these folks, the one-word response is "Patriot".

Of course the Patriot, which is based on the now retired Dodge Caliber, lacks the rugged chops of the old Cherokee. However it closely resembles that boxy model and, unless you're planning some serious off-road running, it's actually better in most ways.

Funny thing about nostalgia: it often tends to obscure reality. Truth be told, the preceding American Motors-created Cherokee XJ wasn't all that comfortable and its four and six-cylinder engines were rough running and thirsty.

In fairness, the XJ did offer a bit more ground clearance and cargo space. But for most applications, including occasional off-road forays, the Patriot is up for the challenge. For anything more than that, Jeep's rugged Wranglers are likely your best choice. Keeping this Jeep on the move is a choice of four-cylinder engines that have been around since the Patriot first arrived for the 2007 model year. The base 2.0-litre makes 158 horsepower and 141 pound-feet of torque, while the optional 2.4-litre four-cylinder is rated at 172 horsepower and 165 pound-feet of torque. A five-speed manual transmission can be had in the front-wheel-drive 2.0 models and front and four-wheel-drive 2.4 Patriots. The 2.0 cannot be ordered with 4x4.

A six-speed automatic transmission (supplied by Hyundai) with manual shift controls is now optional for both engines, replacing the previous continuously variable unit (CVT). That might seem like an about-face from the current trend, but the new automatic makes for a quieter, more predictable experience. The base four-wheel-drive system for the 2.4 is Freedom Drive I. In ideal-traction conditions 100 per cent of the engine torque remains with the front wheels, but when tire slip is detected, power is automatically sent to the rears. The system also has a centre coupling that, once engaged, maintains a 50:50 torque split.

For actual trail-rated off-roading needs, the 2.4 can be ordered with the Freedom Drive II off-road package that has a 19:1 low-range "crawl" ratio for clambering over rocks and other obstacles. The system also includes hill-descent control that maintains a set speed during steep descents while brake lock differentials control side-to-side wheel rotation on both axles so that all wheels constantly turn at the same speed. The old CVT is mandatory with Freedom Drive II, although Jeep says it's made improvements to operation and drivability.

The base Sport trim level with the 2.0-litre engine is priced at $19,700, including destination charges, but is little more than a basic box on wheels. You even have to crank your own windows. The Patriot North, which comes with either 2.0 or the 2.4, adds power windows plus air conditioning and many other niceties.

Along with the 2.4-litre engine as standard, the top-end Limited (available in front or four-wheel-drive) comes with climate control, leather-trimmed seats, and an upgraded audio system.

Several available option groupings include a power sunroof, roof rack, all-terrain tires and drop-down liftgate speakers for tailgate partying. Despite best intentions, it's unlikely that Jeep die-hards will be moved to consider the Patriot as the ideal replacement for their long-gone Cherokee. For everyone else, this humble Jeep is still worthy of consideration.

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2014 Jeep Patriot

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- **Transmissions.** Five-speed manual; six-speed automatic (opt.); CVT (opt.)
- **Base price (incl. destination).** $19,700

Interior

If the Patriot resembles the old Cherokee on the outside, it looks nothing like it on the inside. An updating for 2009 included a more attractive (and less plasticky) dashboard and door panels, as well as upgraded upholstery.

Fuel economy

Fuel consumption rings in at 8.9 l/100 km in the city and 6.6 highway for base 2.0 models with the stick shift and 9.7/7.0 with the automatic. The least efficient models have Freedom Drive II and chime in at 10.3/8.7

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Is the aftermarket stereo a dying breed?

Autoknow. Touch screens in new cars are so integrated with vehicle systems that it might be next to impossible to upgrade the audio

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With touchscreens neatly integrated into the dash of even inexpensive cars such as this Chevy Spark, is it even possible to put in an aftermarket audio system? Better speakers and amplifiers seem more likely. ALL IMAGES WHEELBASE

The aftermarket audio industry has thrived on the lack of attention the automakers have given to sound quality, but the landscape is quickly changing. While there will likely always be someone willing to pay to upgrade, the new crop of touchscreens installed at the factory presents a major concern.

As smartphones and in-car touchscreen music systems move from the exception to the rule, the technology tsunami threatens what was once a pretty standard ritual: getting rid of the factory stereo for something much better/cooler from the local electronics emporium.

The days of buying a tape deck and a pair of 6x9-inch speakers are long gone, but did anyone see this coming? A recent study released by IMS Research, a leading supplier of market analysis in the global electronics industry, asked the tough question facing top car-stereo companies such as Alpine, Kenwood and Pioneer: are vehicle manufacturers causing the death of the traditional aftermarket car stereo?

The IMS report projects that aftermarket stereo sales in North America and Western Europe will slip from $1.7 billion U.S. in 2011 to $718 million in 2018, a nearly 60 per cent decline across seven years.

The reasons for the free-fall forecast in the sale of head units — also called receivers or "decks," and the centrepiece of the car stereo system — are many and growing.

But most industry analysts believe aftermarket stereo demand is being undermined mainly in three areas: modern and intricate dashboard designs; the difficulty of replacing a standard stock system, and an improved quality in stereos rolling off assembly lines. IMS senior analyst Jack Berquist said that for aftermarket stereo manufacturers to stay profitable, or even afloat, a marketing evolution needs to take place. "The industry is going to see a shift away from high-volume, low-cost units to low-volume, high-cost and more advanced units," Berquist explained. "If manufacturers aren't able to innovate and assess new markets effectively in this period, future success will be hard to guarantee."

Then and Now

As a history lesson, it was the mid-1980s, an era when rockers Motley Crew, Van Halen and Guns N' Roses ruled the airwaves and cassette decks, that remains the golden age of the aftermarket stereo business. Most vehicle models of the era featured a uniformly sized rectangular cavity in the dashboard that allowed for snug and easy installation of a replacement system with pleasing aesthetics and terrific sound. Changing today's stock systems, units that often feature cutout-free stereos integrated into seamless dashboards, is a much more complex and costly process, and arguably the main reason the IMS study predicts a sales decline so steep that stereo manufacturers are already scrambling to prepare. Adding to the complexity of replacing a standard issue stereo in a new car with an aftermarket unit is that the "infotainment" head units continue to become more integrated with other vehicle systems (see steering wheel mounted audio and climate controls), making replacement complicated and costly and perhaps impractical. With an estimated 33 per cent of drivers already using smartphones or MP3 players for in-car audio and automakers catering to those needs with full smartphone-integrated systems, the temptation and the need for a stereo upgrade has been diminished to the point of near pointlessness. "These new developments from vehicle manufacturers could spell the end of the traditional aftermarket car radio in the next 10 years, especially in mature markets," the IMS study said. According to a story in USA Today, car-stereo makers and retailers continue to devise strategies that will help them survive a changing marketplace, the most logical of which may be to offer a larger catalogue of vehicle electronics that includes improved navigation devices, interactive gaming systems, and back-seat video. Barry Vogel, the president of auto electronic trade group Mobile Enhancement Retailers Association, told the USA Today that broadening the demographic will be another important step for manufacturers to build and maintain their client base. "The target audience is anyone who breathes and drives a car," Vogel said. "If we limited the market to that 16- to 24-year-old that we so loved (back in the aftermarket heyday), the industry will miss out."

Back to the Future

Safe to say with technology a growing battleground in the new-car market, auto builders have no interest in returning to a dashboard design that makes it easy to swap out head units. So what are stereo manufacturers to do? "We need to make car audio cool again," Pioneer Electronics vice president Larry Rougas said at a recent industry summit. Complicated dashboards are forcing car-stereo manufacturers to circumvent the old laws of swap-and-go systems and gear their efforts toward accessories and integration kits. The more progressive aftermarket stereos mate with the factory audio system but hide the main unit underneath the seats. Installation runs the wires through the dash and into a mountable cradle that holds and allows a smartphone to control all the music features. Most of these systems also come SiriusXM and Pandora (Internet radio) ready and offer complete control of and by the cell phone. These near-future audio systems can perform almost all the tasks of a stock unit, with improved sound quality, but they come with a heavy price: integration replacement kits typically start at about $300 before installation, giving stereo specialists even more incentive to think out of the boom box with future system designs, product lineups and marketing strategies aimed at both the young and the mature buyer. "But it's not all doom and gloom for aftermarket manufacturers," the IMS study concluded. "The existing fraternity of diehard audiophiles who are willing to invest significantly to create a unique experience in their vehicles is unlikely to disappear in the future."

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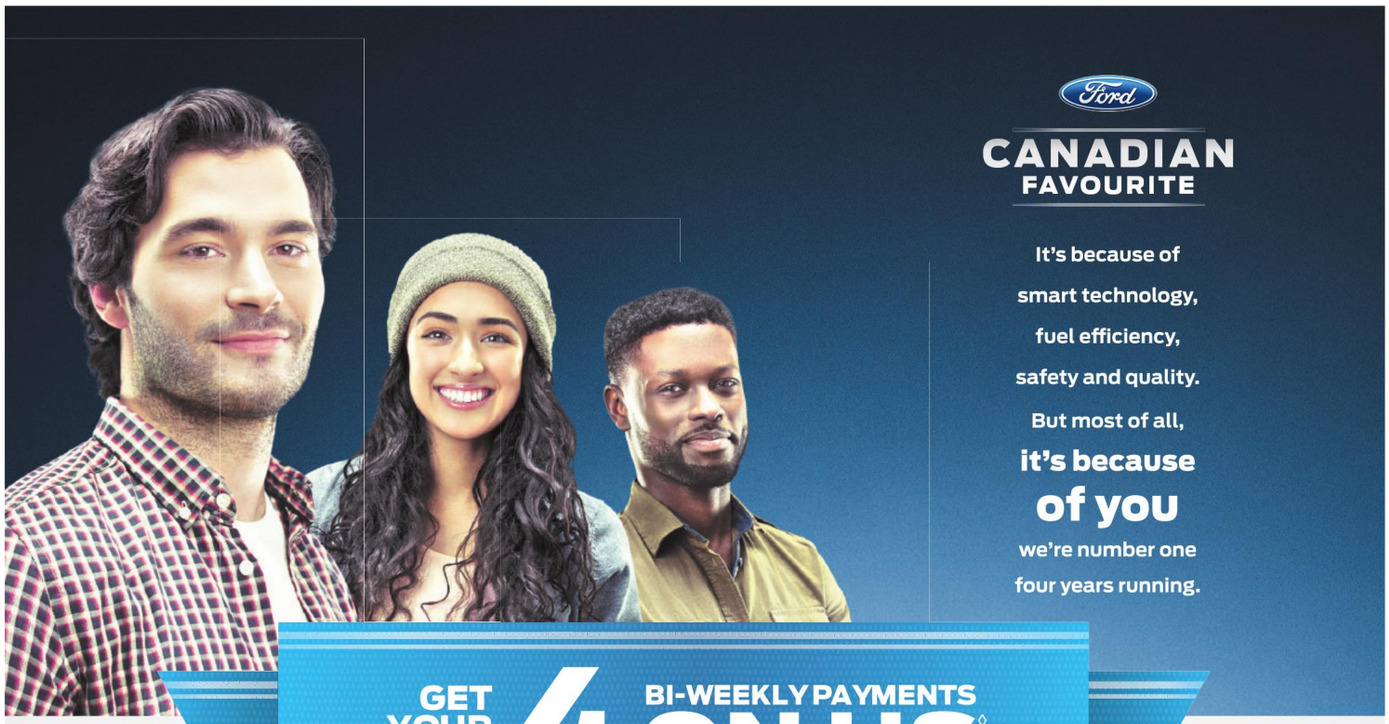

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Usual suspects pickup this year's accolades

Will the 2015 Ford F-series sell as much as its predecessor? Pickups' popularity in general is sky high right now. CONTRIBUTEED

Canadian vehicle sales. Record year in 2013 is spurred on by trusted, popular brands and a whole lot of pickup sales

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The big news is that Canadians purchased over 1.7 million new vehicles in 2013, breaking the previous sales record, which stood for over a decade.

The not-so-big news is that the nameplates that did most of the heavy lifting in 2013 are ones we've seen before: F-Series, Honda Civic, Dodge Grand Caravan, Ford Escape, etc.

Man, as a group of vehicle buyers, Canadians are so predictable and consistent. We love our pickups, our compact sedans, our minivans, and our compact SUVS and crossovers. It would have been cool if, say, the Maserati Quattroporte outsold the Toyota Corolla, just once! But it's never going to happen I suspect.

Analysts attribute the sales surge to pent-up demand, a slowly recovering economy, and lots of lots of pickups being sold, particularly out west where the economy continues to be hotter than Tex-Mex BBQ sauce. Total pickup sales crossed the 300,000-unit frontier for the first time in history. Lots of pickup sales for work-related ventures for sure, but analysts say the trend toward more personal use pickups is also at play. The Ford F-Series topped all trucks and cars again in 2013, for its forth-consecutive overall sales crown.

It will be interesting to see if the all-new F-Series just introduced at the Detroit auto show will continue the winning legacy, seeing that Ford rolled the dice somewhat on this new model. It's the first pickup with virtually all-aluminum body panels, for a lighter and more fuel-efficient truck.

This should certainly appeal to the personal use crowd, but many wonder if the complexity and cost involved in fixing inadvertently crashed and dinged aluminum might scare off some fleet and commercial customers.

Chrysler's Ram pickups continue to make headway. As a group, they're still third behind the Ford and GM competitors, but an awfully strong third. Not long ago they used to be afterthoughts in the full-size segment. Strong F-Series, Focus, Fusion, and Escape sales helped Ford regain the top-selling automaker status in the Canadian marketplace, followed by Chrysler, then GM.

Jaguar is not going to threaten the Big Three anytime soon, or any of its luxury competitors as well, but it did post one of the best year-over-year increases: 1,263 Jaguars were sold in 2013, compared to 644 in 2012, an almost 100 per cent improvement. Certainly helping were the 229 F-type sports cars that found buyers in 2013. Jaguar has been out of that particular sports car segment for far too long, and it's great to see them back, and back with such a strong car. Other highlights and lowlights of the 2013 sales year:

When it came to strictly passenger cars (no trucks or CUVs or SUVs or minivans), Toyota was top, with a 12.8 percent share of the overall market. But Hyundai was not far behind with a 12.4 percent share. Honda was third with an 11.9 percent share.

Nissan Leaf sales almost doubled (470 vs. 240), while Chevrolet Volt's sales performance went somewhat the other way: down to 931 units, from 1,225 in 2012. Smart is staying consistent: 2,387 sales in 2012; 2,237 sales in 2013. Corvette is winning more fans: 324 sales, compared to 250 last year.

Two-hundred and fourteen new Ferraris went home with their lucky new buyers in 2013, up slightly from 2012, where 190 made the getaway.

Top 10 sellers in 2013

1) **Ford F-Series Pickup** - 122,325
2) **Chevrolet and GMC Pickup** - 84,398
3) **Dodge Ram Pickup**- 80,248
4) **Honda Civic** - 64,603*
5) **Dodge and Chrysler Minivan** - 55,157
6) **Toyota Corolla** - 55,138
7) **Hyundai Elantra** - 54,760
8) **Ford Escape** - 45,141
9) **Mazda 3** - 40,466
10) **Honda CRV** - 34,481

***TOP SELLING PASSENGER CAR SOURCE: AUTOMOTIVE NEWS DATA CENTRE.**

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Down payment and/or trade may be required. Monthly/Bi-weekly payment and cost of borrowing will vary depending on amount borrowed and down payment/trade. Monthly/Bi-weekly payments based on a purchase price of $29,775 with $2,650 down payment. ±For retail customers only. $3,500 manufacturer-to-dealer credit available on cash, finance or lease purchases of 2014 MY GMC Silverado 1500 Double Cab and 1500 Crew Cab. $1000 Lease Cash manufacturer-to-dealer credit available on lease acquisitions of 2014 MY GMC Silverado 1500 Double Cab. Dealers may sell for less. Other cash credits available on most models. See participating dealer or chevrolet.ca for details. Offers end March 3, 2014. Special Edition Package (PDU) includes credit valued at $2,265 MSRP. 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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You may not agree with what you hear today but let others have their say. Free speech is worth fighting for. If someone shouts down opposing opinions, make it your business to defend their right to be different.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
If there is something you have been trying to do but every time you get started you are forced to stop, it could be a sign that you should be doing something else.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Certain people may be feeling down but they have no right to bring you down with them, so go where there is music playing and people dancing and not a sad face to be seen.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Someone older and wiser will give you advice today, and if you are smart, you will listen and learn. Don't forget there are more important things in life than material success, like doing the right thing.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Someone's negative attitudes are getting you down more than you care to admit. If you have been thinking of bringing a partnership to an end, now is the time to be decisive. Don't feel sorry for them.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You'll get more done over the next 24 hours than you got done in the past 24 days. But don't think that means you have to work harder. Achieve more by doing less.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
First appearances can be deceptive, so don't be put off if someone you meet seems too serious for your tastes. The planets suggest you will be working together. Do what you can to put them at ease.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You may be reserved but every now and again you go right the other way and say things that shock. This is one of those days. You've had enough of criticisms. It's time to hit back.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Let others know what they are doing is wrong and what they must do to put it right. Don't allow yourself to worry that you might bruise their egos. Honesty is the best policy .

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You are trying hard to deny your feelings for someone because you fear it might damage your reputation. Maybe it will, but is that really a good enough excuse to turn your back on affection?

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Although this is your time of year what happens today may take the gloss off things a bit. In a way that's good because you need days like this to remind you that all those other days must not be taken for granted.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't worry if the party spirit seems to have passed you by because it is the inner spirit that matters. The planets indicate the deeper you think about your life's meaning, the more you will enjoy it. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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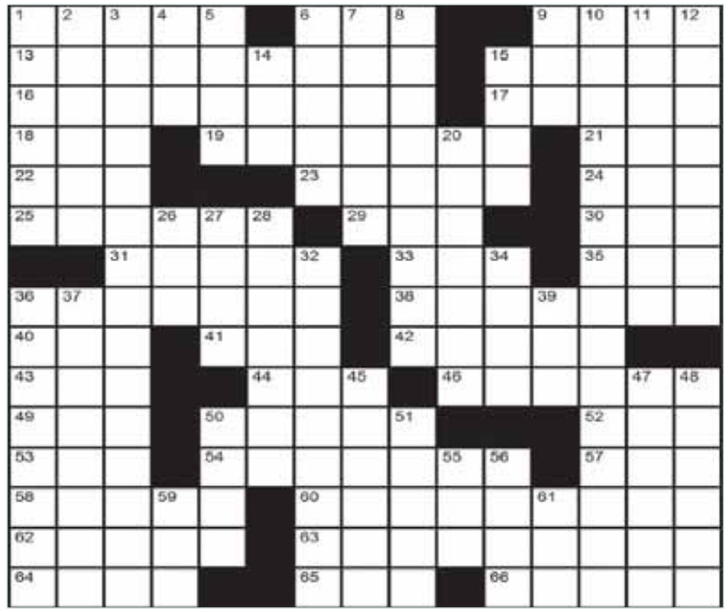

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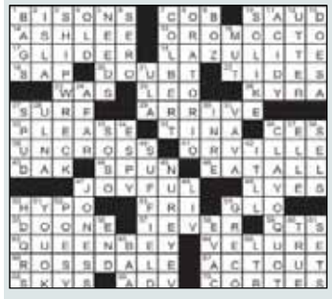
1. "___ always the case..."
6. Pouch
9. Rhyme scheme
13. Canadian basketball star: 2 wds.
15. Elongated circles
16. Toronto restaurant, The Old __ Factory
17. Ms. Croft's of video games
18. At the age of, in Latin [abbr.]
19. The first Mrs. de Winter's memory haunts in this 1940 Hitchcock thriller
21. Pre-A.D. time
22. Q. "Is __ '_' that goes after 'G'?" A. "Yes."
23. Comedy's Mr. Smirnoff
24. Escaped
25. Jane of "Hot in Cleveland"
29. #13-Across' team, on scoreboards
30. Mr. Carney
31. Tear paper: 2 wds.
33. Greyish-brown
35. Canonized Mlle.
36. "The Towering __" (1974)
38. Gave off
40. Beatles: Chairman in "Revolution"
41. Hockey's Bobby
42. Record
43. Stray
44. "The Simpsons" storekeeper
46. Toronto college; or, Roman statesman
49. Expert
50. Film critic Jeffrey
52. Lithium-__ battery
53. Ms. Kidman, to pals
54. "Are things all set?": 4 wds.
57. Soak, in dialect
58. Sovereign sorts
60. Purple __, Nunavut's official flower
62. Matter
63. "So __" by Whitney Houston
64. Hull 'head'
65. Red Chamber fig.
66. ___ harm (Hurtnot)

Down

1. Bombard
2. __. __ (Florida resort city, commonly)
3. Environment Canada daily info: 2 wds.
4. Dow Jones Ind. __.
5. "__ gut!" (Very good, in German)
6. Didn't help: 2 wds.
7. "It's _ __!" (Seller's pitch)
8. NB's provincial bird, Black-capped __
9. Flame of Frank's
10. Celebrity who dated Pierre Trudeau: 2 wds.
11. Menu option: 3 wds.
12. Gave the green light
14. Born, in Boucherville
15. King of Norway [var. sp.]
20. Newspaper features
26. Try
27. Tune on Beck's 2005 album 'Guero'
28. From-the-sky beams
32. Cute cetaceans
34. Fun evening?
36. "My opinion was no joke.": 3 wds.
37. Manitoba: __ Snake Dens
39. "The __ Commandments" (1956)
45. Wild
47. Jackie who was the 'kid' in Charlie Chaplin movie "The Kid" (1921)
48. Mr. Mosca, honoured member of the Canadian Football Hall of Fame
50. Ms. Watier
51. Anglo-__
55. "Vamoose!"
56. Comic strip, Wizard __ __
59. Regret
61. King: French

Yesterday's Crossword



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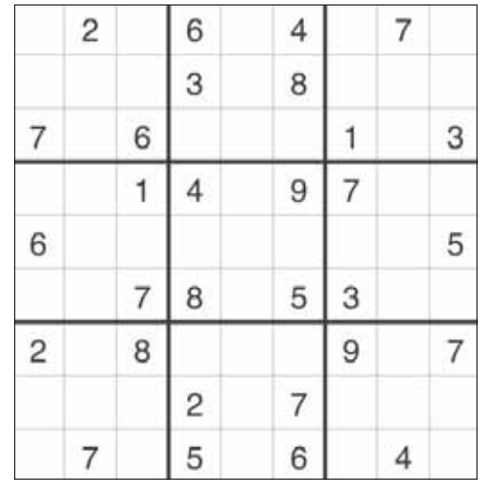
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

3	7	2	6	4	1	8	5	9
1	4	8	9	5	3	7	6	2
5	9	6	2	8	7	3	1	4
9	8	1	3	7	6	4	2	5
2	5	4	1	9	8	6	3	7
6	3	7	5	2	4	1	9	8
8	2	3	4	1	5	9	7	6
7	1	5	8	6	9	2	4	3
4	6	9	7	3	2	5	8	1

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